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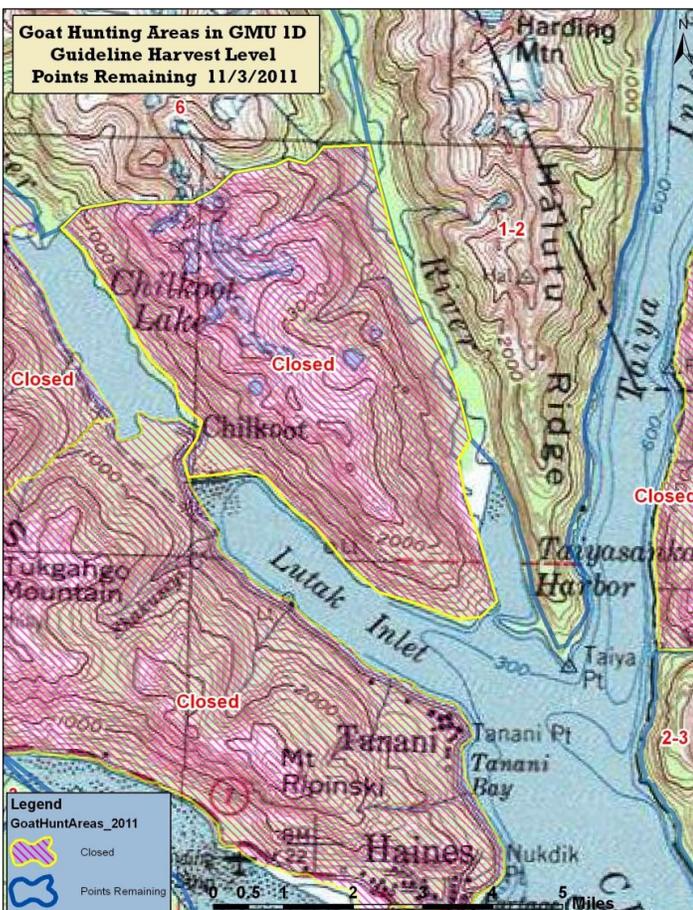
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CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING ALONG CHILKOOT LAKE (RG023) IN UNIT 1D

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along Chilkoot Lake and Lutak Inlet, from Taiyasanka Harbor to the northern end of Chilkoot Lake. An emergency order (01-11-12) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Thursday, November 8, 2012**.



Based on current survey information, a guideline harvest objective of 2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the area between Taiyasanka Harbor and the northern end of Chilkoot Lake. As of Tuesday, November 6, 2012, two male goats have been harvested in this area, for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order is being issued.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Stephanie Sell, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4266.

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